

To the Federal Communications Commission:

I would like to lodge an objection to Sinclair Broadcast Group's plan to use the public airways for one-sided electioneering right before a key election.

News sources report that Sinclair is instructing their 62 local stations to pre-empt regular programming to air a an anti-Kerry documentary two weeks before the election. If they do not provide a balanced presentation of an anti-Bush piece or a pro-Kerry documentary, then this would constitute direct electioneering by a corporate media giant -- which is against federal election law.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair is demonstrating why the license renewal process needs to involve more oversight by the FCC.
Thank you.